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MEASURES AGAINST MALARIA, DIPHTHERIA, SCARLET FEVER

DECREE MALARIA-PROTECTION MEASURE -- Sofia, Izvestiya Na Prezidiuma Na Narodnoto Subranie, 12 Dec 50

On 22 September 1950 the Council of Ministers issued a decree to assure efficient measures for protection against malaria. The decree includes the following provisions:

- 1. Okoliya and municipal soviets are required to drain swamplands and wet areas and strictly fulfill the year plan for the fight against malaria drawn up by the Ministry of Public Health.
- 2. The Ministry of Agriculture is required to provide measures against the spread of malaria in irrigated areas, hydraulic plants, and water reservoirs.
- 3. The Ministry of Roads and Construction is required to maintain canals and ditches in good condition and provide for antimalaria measures at every new construction project.
- 4. The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is required to eliminate pools, ponds, etc., in the vicinity of populated places and to prevent the spread of malaria mosquitoes during the construction of water mains, sewers, etc.
- 5. The Ministry of Industry is required to provide for the filling of pits in brickyards and quarries and the proper draining of water formedufrom conden-crsation and from ore in open pit and underground mines. Plant doctors should supervise sanitary measures in the area of their enterprise.
- 6. The Ministry of Transportation is required to provide for the filling of excavations along railroad tracks and near stations and to eliminate pits at tracks and railroads now under construction.

Violations of the decree will be prosecuted under the law for the fight against malaria.

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CONDUCT CAMPAIGN AGAINST SCARLET FEVER -- Sofia, Izgrev, 9 Dec 50

The order of the Ministry of Public Health for a consistent and relentless struggle against the spread of scarlet fever has not met with general compliance. The head physicians of some hospitals and polyclinics, among them those of the Cherno More Mine, have not furnished the requested reports on scarlet fever cases and have not provided for the isolation of the patients and other measures ordered to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

Some doctors mistook scarlet fever for plague. Dr N. Kovachev, director of the Ruse health department, left the city for private reasons, and in his absence the municipal physician conducted the campaign against the epidemic in a most negligent manner.

Physicians guilty of carelessness and failure to fulfill the ministry's order have been penalized by fines and reprimands.

SCARLET FEVER EPHINEMIC IN SOFIA DECREASES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 13 Dec 50

The scarlet fever epidemic in the Sofia area has considerably decreased in relation to the previous months as well as in relation to last year's figures. The patients have been successfully treated with penicillin and "monocillin."

INOCULATE AGAINST DIPHTHERIA -- Sofia, Izgrev, 13 Dec 50

The inoculation of all school children against diphtheria has been concluded. The inoculation of the younger children will be concluded by 17 December 1950.

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